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March 13, 2006

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10689498 in the amount of \$200.00 has been denied .

5 independent claims -3 allowed = 2@100.00 = \$200.00

Sincerely,

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Re: Petition for Refund
U.S. Application Serial No.: 10/689498
Filed: October 20, 2003
**CONNECTOR FOR CONNECTING TWO BUILDING MEMBERS
TOGETHER THAT PERMITS RELATIVE MOVEMENT
BETWEEN THE BUILDING MEMBERS**

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Dear Sir:

We sent a response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 3, 2006. Attached to that response was a check for \$260.00 - \$60.00 for a one-month time extension request, and \$200.00 for the addition of two independent claims. However, after reviewing this case we realize that the \$200.00 was erroneously sent since the cost of the amount of claims canceled more than covered the \$200.00 fee for adding the independent claims.

Therefore, please refund the \$200.00 to our deposit account no. 18-1167. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Sincerely,


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